AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.-18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Currently Amended) A method for authentication of a user <u>of a hand-held data processing device</u>, comprising:

(a)   creating a list of cyclic redundancy check values on a ~~first~~ computer, each said cyclic redundancy check value in said list corresponding to a character string representing an authorized user;

~~(b)~~ <u>transferring said list of cyclic redundancy check values to said hand-held data processing device;</u>

inputting a user identification character string <u>into said hand-held data processing device</u>;

~~(c)~~   calculating a cyclic redundancy check value for said user identification character string <u>with said hand-held processing device</u>;

~~(d)~~   comparing said cyclic redundancy check value for said user identification character string to said list of cyclic redundancy check values <u>with said hand-held data processing device</u>; and

~~(e)~~   determining if said cyclic redundancy check value for said user identification character string represents an authorized character string <u>with said hand-held data processing device</u>.

20.   (Original)   The method of claim 19, further comprising sorting and storing said list of list of cyclic redundancy check values.

21.-27 (Canceled)

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